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TAGS: OVIP (TODMAN, TERENCE A.), GT

SUBJ: TODMAN VISIT - DRAFT STATEMENTS

REF: STATE 303366

1. SUGGESTED ARRIVAL STATEMENT, ON CONTINGENCY BASIS,
FOLLOWS:

SINCE MY APPOINTMENT AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS I HAVE SOUGHT TO FAMILIARIZE MYSELF
FIRST-HAND WITH THE COUNTRIES FALLING WITHIN MY AREA OF
RESPONSIBILITY. IT IS A SPECIAL PLEASURE TO BEGIN MY
VISIT TO CENTRAL AMERICA HERE IN GUATEMALA. OUR TWO
COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES HAVE ENJOYED CLOSE AND WARM RELATIONS
FOR MANY YEARS.

IN THE LIMITED TIME AVAILABLE, I HOPE TO OBTAIN A MORE
DIRECT APPRECIATION OF THE OPINIONS OF GUATEMALAN
LEADERS IN VARIOUS SECTORS ON QUESTIONS OF COMMON
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INTEREST. FRANK CONSULTATIONS HERE AND ELSEWHERE
I HOPE WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE CAUSE OF COOPERATION
IN THE HEMISPHERE AND A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF MY
GOVERNMENT'S OUTLOOK. I PARTICULARLY LOOK FORWARD
TO RENEWING MY ACQUAINTANCE WITH YOUR DISTINGUISHED
FOREIGN MINISTER, DR. MOLINA ORANTES.

I AM DELIGHTED TO FIND MYSELF ONCE AGAIN IN YOUR BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY.

2. SUGGESTED DEPARTURE STATEMENT (SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION, DEPENDING ON EVENTS OF THE DAY) FOLLOWS:

I HAVE HAD A HIGHLY USEFUL VISIT TO GUATEMALA. PRESIDENT LAUGERUD WAS GRACIOUS ENOUGH TO RECEIVE ME, AND DISCUSSIONS WITH HIM AND OTHER OFFICIALS OF THE GUATEMALAN GOVERNMENT, AS WELL AS CONVERSATIONS WITH GUATEMALANS IN OTHER WALKS OF LIFE, HAVE BEEN VERY HELPFUL IN DEEPENING MY UNDERSTANDING OF GUATEMALA'S VIEWS, INTERESTS AND PROBLEMS. I HAVE BEEN GREATLY IMPRESSED BY THE TREMENDOUS PROGRESS WHICH HAS BEEN MADE IN RECOVERY FROM THE TRAGIC EARTHQUAKE OF FEBRUARY 1976. THE COURAGE OF THE GUATEMALAN PEOPLE WAS ADMIRED NOT ONLY IN MY COUNTRY BUT ALL OVER THE WORLD. MY VISIT HERE HAS BEEN A SHORT ONE, BUT I HOPE TO COME BACK SOON.

AND NOW I AM PREPARED TO RESPOND TO ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

3. EMBASSY WILL DEFER TRANSLATIONS UNTIL ADVISED
ACCEPTABILITY OF ABOVE DRAFTS OR DESIRED CHANGES.
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